



When will I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

We are rolling out the vaccine in stages and those at greater risk will be vaccinated first.

Rōpū tahi

Group 1



Protect our border and MIQ workers

- Border and managed isolation and quarantine (MIQ) employers and employees and the people they live with.
- Cleaners, nurses in MIQ, security staff, customs and border officials, hotel workers, defence and police staff who are eligible to be rotated into MIQ, airline staff, port authorities and vaccinators.

WHEN: February 2021

Rōpū rua

Group 2



Protect our high-risk frontline workers and people living in high-risk places

- Frontline healthcare and disability workers who are at greater risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older Māori and Pacific people cared for by whānau (and the people they live with and their carers).
- Anyone 65+ or with a relevant underlying health condition or disability living in the Counties Manukau DHB area.
- People working/living in long-term residential care.

WHEN: March – May 2021

Rōpū toru

Group 3



Protect the people who are at risk of getting very sick from COVID-19

- People in New Zealand aged 65 years and over, people with relevant underlying health conditions, and disabled people.
- Adults in custodial settings.

WHEN: May 2021 onwards

Rōpū whā

Group 4



Protect everyone

- Our general population aged 16 years and over.
- We want to empower everyone in Aotearoa with the opportunity to protect themselves, their whānau and our communities by getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

WHEN: July 2021 onwards

How will I know when it's time to get my vaccination?

Group 2

High-risk frontline healthcare workers

If you are a high-risk frontline healthcare worker in Group 2, you will receive an invitation to be vaccinated from either your employer, local DHB or health provider. You do not have to do anything yourself to set up your appointment.

If you have not received an invitation by mid-April, you should speak to your employer or local DHB.

There will be a range of different ways you will be able to get your vaccination. These may include: at your doctor, pharmacy, medical and hauora centre, local community clinic, pop-up centre, marae or workplace. Your invitation will detail where you can go in your area to get your vaccination.

Others in Group 2

If you are in Group 2 but are not a high-risk frontline healthcare worker (e.g. you work or live in residential care, are cared for by whānau, or are at high-risk and live in the Counties Manukau DHB area), you do not need to do anything yet.

The Ministry of Health is working with DHBs, healthcare providers, and community representatives to finalise how you will get your vaccination invitation and options for where you can get your vaccination. We will provide more details soon.

If you're in Group 1 or 2, get the COVID-19 vaccine before getting a flu or measles vaccine. *

Groups 3 and 4

If you are in Group 3 or 4, you do not need to do anything yet. We'll let you know when it's your turn. You'll be offered the vaccine at different times depending on what group you fall under and when vaccine supply is available.

It's important to know that if you don't get vaccinated at the same time as the rest of your group, it's not too late. You can still get vaccinated later.

There is enough vaccine for everyone in New Zealand.

If you're eligible for a free flu vaccine, you may be able to get it before your COVID-19 vaccine. *

If you're under 30, you may want to get a measles vaccine before your COVID-19 vaccine.

*** You need to leave a gap of 2 weeks between your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, and a gap of 4 weeks between your measles and COVID-19 vaccinations.**

Getting the right information matters.

Be aware of incorrect information on social media and other places.

You can get accurate and trusted information at:

covid19.govt.nz/vaccines

health.govt.nz/covid-vaccine

or call Healthline on **0800 358 5453**.

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